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### **RepRisk announces its selection as environmental, social and governance (ESG) data provider for the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ**

**Zurich, Switzerland, April 29, 2011** - Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ has selected Zurich-based RepRisk AG to supply it with data for its integration of ESG factors in risk management. The Bank will use RepRisk's services to keep abreast of reputational risks stemming from criticism related to its investments, financing services and client relationships.

*"The Bank will use RepRisk information to aid with client on-boarding and lending practices as well as with its investment processes" stated Hisanobu Chigira, Senior Manager in the Social & Environmental Risk Assessment Office within the Structured Finance division at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi. "After testing the RepRisk data, we found it to be very useful in alerting us immediately to companies and projects that may present environmental, social or governance risks to the Bank."*

RepRisk is a specialized international data provider that identifies environmental, social and governance risks for financial institutions, investment professionals and compliance functions. The RepRisk<sup>®</sup> tool monitors companies' activities from a third-party perspective, tracking thousands of media and other public sources on a daily basis. Furthermore, RepRisk's quantitative risk indicator (RRI) enables easy identification of gross violators and aids negative norm-based screening.

*"The RepRisk tool compliments other data we collect that is issued by companies and government agencies about ESG performance. In combination, such information provides the Bank with a complete picture of social and environmental impacts and governance issues, thereby helping to mitigate the associated risks", continued Chigira. "RepRisk coverage of global markets is extensive as it addresses an unlimited universe of companies. For our purposes, its coverage of companies in emerging countries was found to be highly effective."*

RepRisk tracks negative news on a daily basis in 13 languages, including all major business languages. Its database contains criticism of over 17,500 controversial companies and 3,500 projects, and is continually growing.

*"We are very happy to enter the Japanese market with Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ as our client" said Charlotte Mansson, Head of Sales and Marketing at RepRisk. "We believe the Bank has chosen RepRisk because of its awareness that such dynamic data, covering criticism of companies from a third party perspective, is key to reducing risk exposure. In doing so, it has demonstrated the importance of access to up-to-date sustainability information that offers a broader perspective on companies' ESG performance. In the current climate, it is essential to include relevant extra-financial information in analysis and decision-making to ensure long-term performance and maintain an outstanding reputation in business."*

### **About Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi:**

Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, a subsidiary of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, is Japan's leading bank with over 800 branches in Japan, 40 million retail customers and over 400,000 corporate customers. BTMU also has offices in more than 40 countries worldwide spanning Asia, the Americas, Europe, the Middle East and Africa, while BTMU's subsidiary, Union Bank, N.A. (formerly Union bank of California), has over 400 branches, mainly in California.

### **About RepRisk AG:**

RepRisk is the leading provider of dynamic data on environmental and social risks for an unlimited universe of companies and projects. The company's web-based tool, RepRisk®, allows you to identify and assess the environmental, social and governance issues which may present financial, reputational and ethical risks.

On a daily basis, RepRisk tracks a company's or project's environmental and social risk exposure by monitoring independent third-party sources including all major print media, over 800 NGO sites, governmental agencies and blogs. Controversial issues covered include environmental footprint and climate change, human rights and community relations, labor conditions and employee relations as well as corruption, fraud, executive compensation and other governance issues. In particular, all principles of the UN Global Compact are addressed. RepRisk covers news in 13 languages, including English, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish.

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